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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6916

BILL NUMBER: HB 1243

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public Safety Personnel in Elected Office.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frye R

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Volunteer Firefighters and Elected Office-* The bill allows a volunteer firefighter to hold an elected office of a unit that receives fire protection services from the volunteer fire department or fire department in which the volunteer firefighter serves if the volunteer firefighter does not receive compensation for services provided to the department.

Compensation for Services- The bill provides that "compensation for services" does not include the following: (1) A clothing or automobile allowance. (2) Membership fees in a volunteer firefighters' association. (3) Insurance.

Volunteer Firefighters Serving More Than One Department- The bill provides that if a volunteer firefighter serves in more than one department, the firefighter may hold an elected office of a unit if the volunteer firefighter does not receive compensation for services from any department that provides fire protection to the unit. The bill provides that a volunteer firefighter who serves in a department that provides fire protection service to more than one unit may hold an elected office of any unit served by the department if the firefighter does not receive compensation for services to the department.

Full-Time Paid and Elected Office- The bill allows a full-time paid police officer or a full-time paid firefighter to hold an elected office of the county, city, or town that employs the police officer or firefighter.

Voting on Police/Fire Budget- The bill provides that a member of the fiscal body of a county, city, or town (local unit) who is also a full-time paid firefighter or full-time paid police officer of the local unit may not vote on the budget ordinance or salary ordinance of the police department or fire department that employs the

member.

Separate Ordinances for Certain Police/Fire Departments- The bill requires a local unit to prepare a separate budget ordinance and a separate salary ordinance for the department that employs a member of the fiscal body.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Separate Ordinances for Certain Police/Fire Departments-* Fiscal bodies with a member or members in either a fire or police department may need additional time to consider separate budget/salary ordinances. Any additional expenses would depend on the action taken by the remaining non fire or police members of the body.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, cities, and towns.

Information Sources:

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